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Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland and Delaware both had 7.0 days suitable for field work. The region experienced hotter and drier weather conditions this reporting period, leading to mostly adequate levels of topsoil and subsoil moisture during the last reporting period. Rainfall in Maryland reached a maximum of 1.69 inches of rain in Frostburg, while Delaware received up to 1.44 inches of rainfall in Wilmington. Temperatures reached a high of 99°F in Stevensville (MD) and a low of 49°F in Savage River Dam (MD). Maryland snap beans planted are 7 percentage points behind Delaware and 18 percentage points ahead of last year. In Delaware, peaches harvested are 10 percentage points ahead of Maryland. Field work activities included planting cantaloupes, cucumbers, snap beans, soybeans, sweet corn, tomatoes, and watermelons; harvesting barley, cucumbers, green peas, peaches, and winter wheat; and cutting hay.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 8, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	37	17	41	5
SUBSOIL	11	32	51	6

MD Crop Conditions as of July 8, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	8	13	75	3
CORN	9	14	45	23	9
HAY, ALFALFA	2	12	40	42	4
HAY, OTHER	4	16	33	44	3
PASTURE & RANGE	1	3	28	58	10
PEACHES	1	4	21	63	11
SOYBEANS	7	17	36	32	8
WINTER WHEAT	7	26	36	25	6

MD Crop Progress as of July 8, 2018
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: MATURE	87	83	92	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	75	68	87	N/A
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	97	94	95	N/A
CORN: SILKING	18	<5	20	28
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	62	N/A	49	N/A
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	94	91	79	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	13	6	15	17
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	68	54	54	72
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	38	31	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	96	93	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	9	<5	48	38
PEACHES: HARVESTED	16	9	N/A	N/A
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	80	77	62	79
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	82	71	83	90
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	66	54	74	81
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	81	78	92	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	93	90	94	N/A
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	91	90	95	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	94	91	75	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	52	40	69	N/A

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 8, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	39	47	13	1
SUBSOIL	23	41	36	0

DE Crop Conditions as of July 8, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	3	5	14	70	8
CORN	16	27	14	28	15
HAY, ALFALFA	1	2	14	74	9
HAY, OTHER	1	1	20	72	6
PASTURE & RANGE	3	4	28	57	8
PEACHES	2	5	13	76	4
SOYBEANS	7	25	27	25	16

DE Crop Progress as of July 8, 2018
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: MATURE	93	84	84	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	83	75	79	86
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	82	71	80	77
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	96	94	99	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	100	94	99	N/A
CORN: SILKING	24	<5	18	34
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	81	N/A	60	N/A
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	92	88	81	80
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	29	<5	7	15
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	96	92	88	86
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	61	40	69	68
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	32	13	37	47
PEACHES: HARVESTED	26	12	N/A	N/A
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	87	84	87	87
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	96	85	87	89
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	81	60	81	78
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	95	94	79	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	72	55	66	62

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July 8, 2018 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

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		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2018					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
State	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Maryland	BALTIMORE-WASHI	98	56	81	+4	0.06	2	18.23	+6.62	54	1724	+270	2650
	CUMBERLAND 2	95	53	78	+2	0.19	2	20.32	+8.89	47	1504	-2	2364
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE	97	53	78	+4	0.93	2	19.25	+6.16	43	1407	+166	2270
	FREDERICK AP	97	54	75	-3	0.00	0	15.35	+3.11	20	1628	-13	2539
	FROSTBURG 2	89	51	72	+4	1.69	4	23.65	+9.91	54	1144	+216	1950
	GAITHERSBURG AP	98	54	78	+1	0.27	2	12.45	+0.79	36	1612	+88	2520
	HAGERSTOWN WASH	96	61	79	+4	0.30	1	18.32	+6.12	56	1674	+302	2578
	MECHANICSVILLE	92	55	78	+3	0.00	0	21.20	+8.39	35	1514	+92	2396
	MILLERS 4 NE	95	51	77	+3	0.48	2	15.18	+2.79	41	1342	+102	2171
	OCEAN CITY MUNI	90	66	77	+2	1.52	2	23.93	+12.90	49	1497	+153	2412
	OXON HILL	96	59	81	+2	0.00	0	17.22	+3.68	37	1725	+77	2656
	PATUXENT RIVER	94	66	82	+4	0.02	2	21.02	+7.99	49	2025	+436	2988
	REISTERSTOWN 2	94	54	77	+2	0.09	7	16.31	+3.52	49	1374	-14	2225
	SALISBURY WICOM	96	56	77	+1	0.59	2	19.74	+7.91	49	1688	+254	2610
	SAVAGE RIVER DA	87	49	73	+3	0.40	1	19.27	+6.38	43	886	-112	1564
	SINES DEEP CREE	86	58	72	+4	0.30	2	11.51	-3.38	31	656	-214	1176
STEVENSVILLE 2S	99	61	83	+7	0.00	0	15.11	-0.21	33	1710	+206	2614	
WASHINGTON DC A	96	64	84	+4	0.00	0	23.05	+11.23	46	1942	+224	2902	
Delaware	DOVER AFB	93	62	78	+1	0.18	2	16.89	+3.70	39	1626	+76	2548
	GEORGETOWN SUSS	93	56	78	+1	1.15	3	19.64	+6.61	50	1704	+234	2646
	WILMINGTON NEW	94	57	79	+2	1.44	4	14.02	+1.55	50	1588	+162	2500

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. DFN = departure from normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period.

REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

Caroline County, MD – James Lewis

Still not harvested watermelons - hopefully next week.

Frederick County, MD – Matt Morris

Wheat harvest is in full swing in Frederick County with good harvest conditions during the reporting period. Test weights on wheat are low (52lb average) and DON levels in the 7-8 range. Estimates are that only 10% of the crop will be milling quality wheat. Conditions did turn dry on top as most crops are shallow rooted due to early season, surplus moisture. Rain is predicted to fall on 7/6 and will help as early corn is mid-silk.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Temperatures started the reporting period very high, mid 90 degree range. By the end of the reporting period temperatures had moderated greatly to the low to mid 80's. Forage harvest has moved well during this period. Wheat harvest is nearly done, and most report lighter than normal test weight, Vomitoxin numbers slightly much too high, and falling numbers being a problem. Peach harvest has started, for some the first time in three years. Some quality issues exist with peaches due to weather. Apple thinning is finished, and most apples look good, with some varieties showing lower than normal numbers on the tree. Pastures look much better with the dry and warm weather, and livestock are not cutting up the soft ground. Vegetable and fruit harvest is moving along very well.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Vomitoxin reported in small grain harvest. Sussex County needs rain badly now.



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